

(b) the number of such cases tried in the other Sessions Courts in the State?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) 14.

(b) *A statement containing the information required is laid on the table.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, is it not clear from the number of Sessions trials that a Second Court has to be established at Mavelikara?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, it has been stated already that the matter is under consideration.

Tobacco Cultivation.

349 ***MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is possible to cultivate tobacco profitably in Travancore and, if so, the tracts that are particularly suited for its cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes. In certain parts of Travancore particularly in Nanjanad and the Shencotta taluks.

Inconveniences in Transport Bus Service.

350 ***MR. P. S. MUHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of buses that are plying between Kottarakara and Kottayam is insufficient;

(b) whether the travellers in the buses undergo very great hardship on account of over-crowding in the buses;

(c) whether the passengers will have to stand in the buses for hours together on account of over-crowd; and

(d) whether female passengers are also undergoing this ordeal in the buses?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (a)-(d) No.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know whether Government is aware that there is overcrowding in buses in Quilon-Trivandrum line especially from Chathannur to Quilon and from Quilon to Chathannur?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Sir, as I have stated in reply to a previous interpellation that whilst there may be some cases of abnormal traffic, the services in operation in all the routes are proportionate to the normal traffic demand bearing in mind that the services are operated regularly.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the member is aware that there is over-crowding between Quilon and Chathannur?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Sir, I am not aware of any regular over-crowding in any section of the route.

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MR. P. S. MUHAMED : ബസ്സിൽ പാസഞ്ചേർസിനെ നിറുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകരുതെന്നു ആർഡർ കൊടുക്കുമോ ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : If that is the desire of the House, I am quite prepared to accept it, but I may assure the honourable members that it will give rise to far more complaints than I now receive, because passengers may have to wait on the road side for more than 4 hours, due to a breakdown of a bus, the passengers of which cannot be transferred to following vehicles.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : അങ്ങനെ വരുമ്പോൾ യോഗ്യനായ ആളുകൾക്ക് ബസ്സിൽ സഞ്ചരിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാതെ വരുമെന്ന് മൊബൈൽ അറിയാമോ ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Sir, may I take the opportunity of telling the honourable members that the Transport Advisory Committee have recommended the introduction as a trial measure, of limited stop express first class buses. This is engaging the attention of the Department which I think will overcome the complaint.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know what is the reason in not stopping this arrangement ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : There will be great inconvenience particularly in instances where a bus may be broken down and other following buses unable to pick up its passengers. If we have to send out a special bus to pick up the passengers from a broken down vehicle, it is quite conceivable that they may have to wait for four hours due to the considerable distances involved and the absense of telephone communication.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : What is the greatest distance possible ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Somewhere in the region of 60 miles.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know where is that distance ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The greatest distance is between Kottarakara and Shencottah where we have not even telephone connection.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I know the distance between Trivandrum and Kottayam ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : It is 95 miles from Trivandrum to Kottayam.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : May I inform the honourable member that the maximum distance will be only half of that ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : No, certainly not. The frequency of service is one every 3 hours and if there is any break down near the outer terminus, it will take 3 or 4 hours for the information to reach the garage.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : The maximum distance can never be more than half.

MR. E. G. SALTER : No, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : That again is a question of mathematics, Sir.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : കൂലികൊടുത്തിട്ടു ആളുകളെ നിറുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ലോകത്തെവാടൈമെങ്കിലുമുണ്ടോ ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes, Sir. For example London.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : നിൽക്കുന്നവർക്കു ഇതുകൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ ഉപദ്രവമുണ്ടാകുന്നത്; നേമേരിച്ചു ദീർഘനേരമായി യാത്രചെയ്യാൻ മുയിൽകൂട്ടി ടിക്കറ്റുവാങ്ങിച്ചു ബസ്സിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നവർക്കാണ് വിഷമമുണ്ടാകുന്നതെന്നറിയാമോ ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : No, Sir. I leave it to the honourable members of this House. If it is the general wish of the people of Travancore that passengers should be strictly prohibited from standing in the buses, the Department will have no objection.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : പ്രൈവറ്റ് ബസ്സുകൾ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകുമ്പോൾ ഈ ഉപദ്രവമില്ലെന്നറിയാമോ ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Of course for the obvious reason that there was no room to stand in open type buses.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know Sir, whether any report regarding the hardship experienced by the passengers has been received by the Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : No, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether there is any shuttle service between Chathanoor and Quilon ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Not now.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know the date on which it was started ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : I cannot give the exact date from memory.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know why it was stopped ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The service was discontinued due to insufficiency of traffic.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know what necessitated the introduction of that service ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Because I was under the impression that there was sufficient traffic in that line and we started the service. We discontinued because it did not pay.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know why it was discontinued ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : That has been already explained, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know why it did not pay ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Accommodation was available in the through buses from Trivandrum to Quilon while the shuttle service was in operation.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Is it not possible to prevent the passengers getting into through buses when a shuttle service is operating?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Certainly not, Sir. We cannot prevent any passenger from getting into any bus provided he or she is prepared to pay the legitimate fare.

Deepening of the Pattini Thodu.

351 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have sanctioned any amount towards the deepening of the Pattini Thodu in Parur taluk; and

(b) if so, how much has been sanctioned and how far the work has progressed?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (Deputy Chief Engineer): (a) No.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Alwaye-Coonammavoo road.

352 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the cause of delay in acquiring the lands necessary for the construction of the Alwaye-Coonammavoo Road?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: Because the land plan and area list for the lands to be acquired could be prepared only after investigation.

Statement, by caste, of the Government Pleaders.

353 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Government Pleaders of the various District Courts?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The statement is laid on the table.

Memorial from the Varnava Community.

354 *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (Nominated): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a memorial signed by 1700 and odd people belonging to all the divisions of the Varnava Community and living in the different parts of the country, has been submitted to them on 27-6-1116?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ മെമ്മോറിയലിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികൾ സാധിച്ചതെന്നതിൽ ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ഒരു വണ്ടു കുമ്പോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: It is a suggestion for future action.

Grant of land for a building for backward communities.

355 *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Advisory Board for the uplift of

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